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The doctor held up his hand warn-"Stand back," he whispered. "All of

"Stand back," he whispered. "All of you, except the marquis." Fanny Inchley's eyes opened slowly, and fixed themselves, at first va-cantly, upon the marquis; then a look of intelligence struggled into her face, and she sighed, "It is Lord Nairne?" she said, so feebly that the marquis was obliged to kneel beside the doctor to catch the words.

"Yes, it's the marquis," said the doctor, gravely. "You have some-thing to tell him, have you not? He has come because you have sent for him because he wishes to hear all you

him because he wishes to hear all you can tell him, Fanny." She drew a long breath, painfully. "He knows already," she panted. "I saw that by the way he looked at me in court, when—when I let out about the letter, when I—I accused her! If—if all the rest had believed me he wouldn't. He knew it wasn't true! You knew I did it, my lord?" "Yes," he 'said gravely. "Yes," she echoed. "It was I who —who killed him. And he deserved it. Do you hear—"

the air with her feeble hands, and opened her eyes again. "He-he swore that I should be his wife-a lady. He said that-he loved me, that there had never been any-one else. And -all the time-he loved and wanted to marry her. And I did not know it. I never guessed it. No, not even when I gave him the let-ber. He was-cunning, and deceived me-not me."

me-not me. She was silent a moment; then, as

The doctor laid her down gently. "It is all over," he said, his voice shaking in his agitation. "Thank God the truth is known at last. But -but who would have believed it !" Saunders looked up. "I've as good as known it for days past," he said in a low voice. "But what could I do? There was not a sorap of evidence against her till she went into the witness-box. She was the most perfect actress I ever saw! Where she'd hid this dress I can't guess even now, I searched her room inch by inch a week ago! Searched every place I could think of! Well," "thank Heaven it's cleared up. Docand he draw, a long breath of relief, "thank Heaven it's cleared up. Doc-tor, you'll make a note of what she said?"

said ?" "Twe got it down," said Brown, tap-ping his pocketbook. "It shall be in the papers to-mor-row night," said Saunders, glancing humbly and pleadingly at the mar-ouis

humbly and pleadingly at the mar-quis. Luigi touched the marquis' arm. "Come away, Nairne," he murmured. The marquis started as if from a dream, and rose to his feet. "Send someone to-Major Delaine," he said hoarsely. Luigi laid his hand on the doctor's arm.

rm. "Come," he said, solemnly. "You and

will go, doctor.

"Yes, yes!" he said. "The major.— Elaine, should be the first to be told."

The marquis walked away from the group without another word; and the doctor, after waiting till the two men nad carried the dead woman out of sight, took Luigi's arm, and hur-ried up the hill.

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"And do you think women cannot mifer and he strong, then?" she ald, looking up at him "By George, yes; I'd haes any ordi-hary woman for suffering against the best man that ever lived," broke the the dector. "And our Elaine here s not an ordinary woman. She he-haved like--like--a brick. And now he is going to set to work and get strong again. Of course you'll to away again, major ?? "The major nodded, but uncertainly. "Where ?" he asked, vaguely. Elaine let her head fail on his shoulder. "By

choulder. "Let us go back to Lucerne, dear." The dofter drew the major away after a minute or two. "I feel that a pipe and a brandy-and-soda, major, would save me from utter collapse," he said, and Luigi took the major's vacant chair beside Elaine. Still holding her hand, he said in

a low voice: "There is something else I want to tail you, Elaine. Are you strong enough—not too tired to hear it?" "Yes," she said almost inaudi-bir

"Yes," she said almost inaudi-bly. Then he told her what the marquis had told him respecting the mar-quis' marriage. He pleaded for him as only so close and devatel a friend could plead. "He should have told you; yes, he was wrong to keep it from you; but he neant to tell you that night. It was wrong to keep you in ignor-ance of that miscrabic marriage even for a day-an hour after you had promised to become his wife; but if he sinned he has suffered. Elaine, you will forgive him! Think, dear, fle would have died to save you an hour's pain and hour's anxiety!" Her head dropped, and the tears gathered and rolled down her check; but she did not speak, and Luigi, deming it wiser to let his words sink into her heart, got up and left her.

her. When he returned to the Castle he was informed that the margale The was informed that the marging was in his room. The valet had just finished pack-ing a portmanteau. "His lordship leaves by the first train, signor," he told Luigt. "We are going then, Nairne?" said Laioi

"We are going them arguls with "Yes," replied the marguls with a sigh. "I have told Field to get your things ready." He paused a moment. "Have you seen her?" he

a moment. "Have you seen her?" he asked in a low voice. "Yes," said Luigi. "I have just left her. She is the noblest, the fairest of women." "Aye!" breathed the marquis. "Did she did she sneak of me-send me he-did she speak of me-send me word, one word?" Luigi laid his hand on his arm.

"Give her time, Nairne," he said gently. "She is stunned by all she has gone through this terrible day. "Yes," said the marguis sadly. "Yes," said the marguis sadly.

some wonders even he cannot work He cannot teach her to forget of the connect teach ner to lorget of to forgive, and I cannot expect it. We will go, Luigi. She shall not be harassed and tortured by the fear of meeting me, of hearing of me. Why, the sight of my face must be hatafal to han." hateful to her-

hateful to her-" "Nairne." "How could it be otherwise? My poor darling. Luigh, this was my last chance of happiness in this life, and -I have lost it, flung it away." The next morning, while the news of Fanny Inchley's, confession and sulcide was thrilling along the elec-tric wires, and causing the wildest excitement far and near, the two men left the Castle. Everybody in Barefield was sadly disappointed by the sucden departure, for it had been resolved to make some kind of a fuss over the man who had stood his trial for murder and run the rick of a conviction to save the wo-man he loved. But the marquis had escaped ovations and deputatious. "Nairne." should see that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," is printed on the wrapper around the box. Sold by all medi-cine dealers, or sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by writing direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

ried up the hill. ried up the hill. Bridget, red eyed and still weeping, opened the door to them, and uttered a cry of alarm at sight of them. "Oh, is it more bad news?" she exclaimed. The doctor silenced her, and he and Luigi passed into the sitting-room. Etaine was lying back in a chair, and the major sitting beside her holding her hand. "I-I brought her home," he fal-tered, showing no surprise at their

HOW OLD IS ANN ? You Tackled the

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Here are a couple of problems that are going the rounds: A man is twice the age his wife was when he was the age that she is now. When she reaches his pre-sent age their combined years will be 100. Find the age of each. Mary is 24 years olu. Mary is twice as old as Ann was when Mary was as old as Ann is now. How old is Ann?

Ann ? Question 1 does not appear to re-ceive so much attentios as question s, but it is equally interesting. The only answer that seems to stand the test of proof makes the wife 331-3 years old and the husband 44.9.9. Test it this way: The wife's present age subtracted from that of the hus-band gives 11-9. That is to say 11-9 years ago the busband was as old as the wife is now, or 331-9. Subtracting 11-9 from the wife's present age gives 222-9 as the age of the wife 11-9 years ago. Twice 22-9 gives 44-8, which makes the husband twice as old as the wife was 11-9 years ago. The sum of the ages of husband and wife would now be 777-9. In 111-9 years the wife band is now, and we shall have 22-9 guess to add to the 777-9, making 100. teacher is deservedly high. It is known that Mr. Johnson has been a severe sufferer from asthma, and as he has found a gure for the trou-ble, a reporter thought the facts of his case would prove interesting to similar sufferers. "One even-ing," said Mr. Johnson, " while lighting my pipe I inhaled the sul-phur from the match. The fumes appeared to penetrate every portion me. It was more than an hour be-fore I recovered from the effects of the mishap, and I pelieve that that was the starting point of the trouble that has made my life so frequently miserable since. At all events, a few days later I had my first attack of asthma. Following this the attacks became more and more frequent, sometimes contlut-ing for a week or more at a time. When these attacks came on I dare not the doxya, and many a long, cold winter night I have passed at an open window, gasping for breath. I was treated by two of the best doctors in the coun-try, but derived no benefit. Then I began trying the remedies usually advertised as a cure for this trouble, but with no better results. I was continually growing worse and life was becom-soft from them that one day she said to me, "Why don't you try these pills, they might do you good, and they certainly can't do you any harm. To please my wife I began atking the pills, but only coccaion-ally at first, but inside of a few weeks I feit that I was improving in many ways. Then I began to you any harm, Yo please of Dr. Williams Pink Pills in earnest, and soon found they certainly can't do you any harm is a life of misery, and I am guad to make this public acknow-in that breathing was becoming ea-er, the spasme came less frequent-iy, and I could go about out of doors without danger of bringing the trouble on as was formerly the case, in the Pills in all, and after the im-provement began, every box added to it until all signs of the trouble had disappeared, and I pave not since had any recurrence of it. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have saved me from a life of misery, and I am giad to make th

Making 100. Ann's age is a problem. Here are some of the answers: Eight years age Mary was 16, same as Ann is now, and twice as old as Ann was then (8). Both have grown eight years. So Mary is 24 and Ann is 16. Mary's present age is to Ann's given age as the difference, between Mary's present age and Ann's given age is to the difference between the present ages of both. Hence, 24:12: 12: (6). And 24 minus 6 equals 18, Ann's present age.

12: (6). And 24 minus 6 equals 18, Ann's present age. How old is Ann 3 My solution of your problem is that when Ann was 1 Mary was 2, therefore Ann is now 28 and Mary 24. I make Ann's age as 12, because Mary is 24 and she is twice as old now as she was when she was Ann's age now; which makes Ann one-half of 24, which is 12.

How many years is it since Mary was as old as Ann is now ? We know that at that time Ann was 12, and that Mary is now 24, so that the pro-blem resolves itself into "What number is it that added to 12 makes the some amount as what substrat. humper 19 it that sould be in a set of the same amount as when substracted from 24? Twenty-four minus 12 gives 12 which divided by 2 gives 6 as the difference in ages. So Mary is now 24. Ann must be 15

A poet breaks out as follows: The night winds mean and grean and sigh And murmur as they hustle by : "How, old is Ann ?"

The stars that gem the brow of night Implore the moon to set them right "How old is Anh ?"

The sun that gilds the golden Comes up and then begins: "I say, How old is Ann?"

The ocean waves take up the cry And ask the seagulls as they fly "How old is Ann?"

The dead men in their coffins moan In deep, sepulchral monotone "How old is Ann?"

she was always talking — and Gorald and Exaine were listen-ing; the first with the faint smile of admiration, not to say adoration, proper to the newly-married hus-band, and the latter with a smile, too, but a smile that was more dreamy and abstracted. Lucrene is a wonderful place for all kinds of aches and pains, and there is no better for even that worst of maladles, the heartache. The long weeks of absolute quiet and rest had restored her to health. The faint color had come back to the pale Philosophers and simple wights Ask wildly through their si nights: "How old is Ann?"

The child at school neglects

tasks And ever sadly, madly asks: "How old is Ann?"

The gossips cease to vilify And take up with the awful c "How old is Ann?"

that is 24 minus x, or 12 p as x Then 12 plus x squals 24 minus x, which transposed is 12 plus 2 x equals 24; further transposed 2 x equals 24, min-ns 12; 2 x equals 12 and x equals 6, the difference in the egst. Ann is 18 years o'd.

HOW TO GO NUT FING.

Not a few are the devices of skiller

Not a few are the devices of skilled muting; How often shall we see the novice crushing the green bur, with a me blow – or vitit many paths from the sharp spines trying to open the path of the see bur, which are path of the beel – cometing better versed has the trick, not mas-freed until some practice. of a peop ne deft side-stroke lays open the onts for the hand. The old device of arring by a heavy stone the tree of the deeper woods – may be the sharp spines trying to open the mut how and a cut-which at onts for the hand. The old device of arring by a heavy stone the tree of the deeper woods – may be the somewhat smaller stone and by a scribe of quick tape on the trie, but not its refinement of tak my a somewhat smaller stone and by a scribe of quick tape on the tree of the deeper woods – may be the path of strong cord, and, at the how and more effective is an other plan. Its elements are a good tached, a half op strong cord, and, at the how and more effective is an other plan. Its elements are the good tached, a half op strong cord, and a the strong of a weight over the bough of the how and a crack thrower on the ball field will find some lessons for bearned in the precision of "hoop is a obestnut branch and in the the cord from an upper bough as to out the bough below, and, with adore the off from an upper bough as to out the bough the cord is e releasing the cord from an upper bough as to out deverify, strip half a dozen to be the many a single cast. – Chro

Inquisitize Birds.

Of the birds, undoubtedly the blue jays have the most inquisitiveness. And they are the most noisy in expressing it ; although crows will hold

pressing it; although crows will hold a close second place, if not fully the equal. How the lays screeched and whistled and called—a confusion of all the sounds of jaydom—near my home recently! More than a dozen darted into a small evergreen thee on the lawn. People came from several houses in the vicinity, all curious to know "What is the matter with the birds?" It seemed to be a "want to know" on both sides. The jays had discovered a 'cat walking meekly along by the fence in the low shrub-hery near and under the spruce-tree. There was no nest in the vicinity, and, so far as could be ascerted ed, the cat had not attacked the j:ys. But what a pandemolum of jay ar-gon over that one meek-coking, quiet cat i The jays outdid themselves, and called out nearly all the occupants of the many houses on that street.— From Nature and Science in Novem-ber St. Nicholas.

Appendicitis Insurance

Insurance against appendicitie has been undertaken by the Royal Ex-change Assurance Company, of Eng-land, which will issue policies at the rate of \$1.25 a year for very, \$500. The holder is guaranteed all the medical, surgical and nursing ex-penses up to the amount insured. In commenting upon this impolide policy Lincet wonders how the ap-plicant can answer the question, "Have you or any of your family over suffered from appendicitis or from any of the symptoms pertain-ing to it?" What is meant by "tamily," and is a pain in the belly a symptom of this disease only? Moreover, has the patient the te-quisite medical knowledge either of himself or his family to give a dis-criminating answer? The insulance company's lasflet says that during 1900, 15,000 operations were per-formed in the United Kingdom for appendicitis. Were there so many in the whole world? The company seti-mates that about 1 in 400 per an-num will be attacked by the dis-ease. But would the rate be the ease. But would the rate be the een undertaken by the Royal Exnum will be attacked by the dis-ease. But would the rate be the same in the United States with its appendiceal beliefs as in conserva-tive Englend? And then how about all the other aliments and accelents which may happen to one? There are a thousand ways in which one may be sick and die; should the pra-dent man net secure a policy for each one of them? This would in time result in a distinct form of monomania, a morbophobia which might be called insurance disease. Could the companies devise a policy for these affilicted ones?-American Medicine.

THE REMARRABLE EXPERIES OF A NOVA SCOTIA MAN.

He Had Suffered for Tears and Often had to Sit Night After Night at an Open Window Gasping for Breath. Mr. Thios. Johnson is well known in the vicinity of Hemford, N. S. He has taught school in Lanenburg County for more than thisteen county for more than thirtee years, and his reputation as

and going over the scene, as doubt-less she had gone over it a thousand times, till the constant brooding had destroyed her reason, she continued:

"He spoke of me to her as if-as if I was the dirt under his teet, just something he could amuse himself with, and cast aslde and laugh at. It-it drove me mad. I could have torne anything but that. Anything but that. And he had only that even-ing newniged to merry me". but that. And he had only that even ing promised to marry me.". She gasped, as if for air, and dung to the doctor's arm. "I-I could scarce-ly wait until she had gone. I had the dagger in my pocket. I'd found it on—on the cace, and—and meant to put it tack when I'd looked at it. It —it generated to I'd income and of -it seemed to fly into my hand of its own accord as I stood and lisits own accord as I stood and lis-tened to him. He only cried out once," she moaned. "I struck him with my hand as well as the dagger, and he felf. I gaw him fall. He looked at me —" a shudder shook her from head to foot— "he looked at me..." She raised her head, and stared beyond raised her head, and stared beyond the marquis toward that part of the bridge over which Sherwin had fallen. "See! There! He is standing there still. Hush! Don't move, don't merry me! And he shall not marry her. Never, never. Hush!" She resided her hard as if in the

She raised her hand as if in the attitude to strike, and then with a choking cry fell back.

THE FIRST BABY.

What joy there is in the home when the first baby comes, and yet to the young and inexperienced mother who has to care for it there is no other period of her life so trying. In the little ills that are certain to come the inexperienced mother scarcely the insperienced mother scarcely knows what to do. To the young mother-to all mothers-Baby's Own Tablets are a real blessing. They promptly cure such troubles as constipation, colic, sour stomach, diar-rhoea and simple fevers. They break up colds, destroy worms, allay the **irritation** accompanying the cutting of teeth, and prevent more serious ills. These Tablets are sold under a remarked to contain no order a per guarantee to contain no oplate, nor any other of the harmful drugs always found in the so-called "sooth-ing" medicines. They are good for all children, from the new-born babe to the will grown child. If you do not find the Tablets at your medi-clue dealers, send 25 cents to The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brock-ville, Ont., and a bot will be mailed you post paid. ways found in the so-called "sooth-

tered, showing no surprise at their appearance. "She wished to come, and alone with me. Look at my poor girl!" Elaine sat up, and held out her band

hand. "It is very kind of you to come she said tremulously, and trying to smile. "But I am not ill. Tell him that I am not ill, doctor. He thinks," and she put her arm around her father's neck, "that I am going to die. As if one could have lived through-As if one could have hved through-through all that, and then die !" " I don't think you are in such dan-ger, my dear," said the old doctor, patting her hand. " And I've come as a friend, not a physician, and T've brough: shorner griend with me." She stretched out her other hand to Luigt and took his and held it to Luigi, and took his, and held it. "A friend! Yes!" she breathed. "Is it more bad news, as Bridget said?" and her lips quivered. "No, no. Good news this time-at least, that is," stammered the doctor, remembering the score that hed but

remembering the scene that had just closed, "the mystery is solved; the truth has come out." The major started, but Elaine gave

"That poor wretched girl did it !" said the doctor. : "I knew that," murmured Elaine. Luigi pressed her hand. , "You did? Well, we all know it now.

"You did? Well, we all know it now. She has confessed," said the doctor. "He and Luigi had agreed that it would be best to tell Elaine all that had happened. She had suffered so much to be prepared for this last scene in the tragedy. She listened without a word, her hands clasped on her lap, her eyes downcast; but the major was not so natient. patient.

patient. "It's-It's infamous I' he exclaimed. "Simply infamous that Elaine and-and others-" he was alraid to men-tion the marquis' name before her yet-"should have to endure so much siscry in consequence of the idiotic stupidity of a set of policemen ! Why didn't they find out the guilty person at the beginning ? What's the use of a detective if he drags off innocent a detective if he drags off innocent persons to prison, and allows them to be tried and almost con-demned! I suppose there is no law that will touch that wooden-headed fool, Saunders? If there were Pd-L'd spend every penny Td got if I were the marquis." Ekaine started slightly, and laid her hand on his arm to slience him. "It is Elaine of whom we are think-ing, for whom all our sympathy is

famous Barefield case, was a very wide difference. So wide that even wide difference. So wide that even the grifin recognized the fact that the young fellow had a brilliant car-eer before him and withdrew her op-

position to his and May's engage-ment. Sir William, Gerald's fath-er, had also given his consent. "I understand," he said, "that you distinguished yourself, Gerald, and that the marguis is not likely to force what you have done. forget what you have done. Of course that alters your position very considerably. You will have plenty of work now, I presume?" Yees, Gerald said, the briefs were turbiling in mowilly had been the central figure in the awful Barcfield murder case.

Yes, Gerald said, the briefs were tumbling in merrily. "And the marquis is in favor of this engagement of yours?" Gerald assented. "Well, then, as you will soon be independent of me and woo't want my consent, I'd better give it while it's asked for!" said his father, and Gerald posted back to get May to name an early day. "And-and couldn't we be st Lu-cerne some time in October, Ger-ald?" faltered that wily young lady, as she laid her face on his shoulder. If she had said Jericho instead of shoulder. If she had said Jericho instead of

It she had said Jericho instead of Lucerne, Gerald would have pield-ed ready consent, and so it was arranged that the last two weeks of the blessed honeymoon should be spent with Elaine beside the lake whose beauty never falls, familiar though it be though it be.

CHAPTER XL.

Everybody who knows Lucerne knows the little terrace just above the cathedral, the little terrace where, seated on the broad wooden scats? you may gaze upon the blue waters of the lake, and at old Pil-atus rising skywards opposite you. You go up the cathedral steps, past the quaint little burial ground, through which the school children scamper noisily, and elimbing an easy hill, come full upon a view which you will find it hard to beat even in beauteous Switzerland. On an aftornoon in October, three young persons were seated on the young persons were seated on the wooden bench, looking at the lake and the mountains, now bathed in a purple which mocked the robes of an emperor. One was May-we beg pardon 1-Mrs. Gerald Locke, the second wis, of course, her husband, and trad wis Elalac. May was tafking-Gorald deslared

color had come back to the paie chceks, and she could walk, and even

run, up the hills as well as she could in the old days before—well, before she met the Marquis of Nairne on the Castle bridge! The havoc wrought no man can tell Just hear the bughouse people yell: "How old is Ann ?"

the Castle bridge! If her voice was less bright, and her smile less blithe and happy than of old, the change in them was the only indication of the results of the dumb man found his speech one

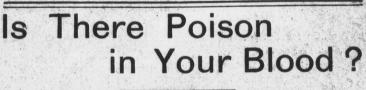
more And startled people with *ds* roar: "How, old is Ana?" terrible ordeal through which she had

She made no moan and wore no And if the sphinx at last should willow and a stranger meeting her casually would never have guessed that she was the Elaine Dealne who speak ponderous jaws no doubt would Her

squeak : "How old is Ann ?"

had been the central ligure in one awiul Barcfield murder case. But though she joined in every ex-cursion planned by Gerald and May, and was always ready to smile and laugh at May's verbal absurdities, and Gerald's attempts to amuse her, May knew well enough that her friend was, so to speak, lead-ing two lives; the life lived openly before her father and the rest of the world, and the life lived secret-ly, during which she dwelt upon her lost happiness, and the man she had loved with all the strength of a pure woman's first passion. "Do you think because she says nothing, and is always ready to smile and join in our nonsense, and doesn't keep to her room and neg-Here is the writer's solution: Re-quired difference between the girls' ages. Let x equal difference. Ann's age equals 24 minus x. When Ann was 12 Mary was as o'd asAnn is now,

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nothing, and is always ready to smile and join in our nonsense, and doesn't keep to her room and neg-lect her dress and let her hair go untidy, that Elaine doesn't remem-ber !" she said to Gerald when they were discussing Elaine one night soon after their arrival at Lu-cerne. "Why, I can see that she is 'thinking of him all day long; and while you flatter yourself that she is vastly amused by your absurd stories and ridbulous lokes, she is only half listening, and is thinking and brooding behind those lovely far-away eyes of lers. Why, If mothing else had let me into the secret, the fact of her not men-tioning his name would have done so. If she had ceased to care for him, had forgotten him, or want-ed to forget him, she would have spoken to me about him the very first night." first night," "That docsn't sound logical, some-

If you are not well there must be | Nine-tenths of the ills of everyday a reason for it. Most of the common ills of life arise from poison in the system. If you would be well you must remove this cause of disease.

where is your weak spot? Just

"That doesn't sound logical, some-how." "Not to a man, perhaps. Men are so stupid, especially when they are lawyers. But a woman would un-derstand what I mean." "Sometimes The ireliaed to think that it would have been better if you'd married a woman," he re-torted with a smile. "Tut if she still thinks of him and watts him..."